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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Dwight Alex C. Tejano
TAKASHI CHOSA ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 10/576,212	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7014
Filed: April 17, 2006	)	
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For: IMAGING APPARATUS	)	
USING A KEY IMAGE IN	:	
IMAGE RETRIEVAL OR	)	
READING OUT	:	
(AS AMENDED)	)	March 15, 2010

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated December 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.